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IN RE APPLICATION OF: GROUP: 1793

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FOR: METHOD OF PRODUCING AUSTENITIC IRON/CARBON/MANGANESE

STEEL SHEETS HAVING A HIGH STRENGTH AND EXCELLENT TOUGHNESS AND BEING SUITABLE FOR COLD FORMING, AND

SHEETS THUS PRODUCED

RESTRICTION RESPONSE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated July 2, 2008, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group III, Claims 3-5, 7, 8 and 13 (drawn to processes for making a hot-rolled steel sheet and a cold-rolled steel sheet), for examination.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.